

AN UNUSUAL DOVETAIL

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This dovetail was found in the early 1900s. It is unusual in the size of the base which is small and delicate for a 3¾ inch point. It was found in Licking County, Ohio, and is made of Flint Ridge flint with purple and yellow tints. Dovetails are from the Middle Archaic period and probably served as non-utility or ceremonial tools.



Figure 1
(Groseclose)
Flint Ridge dovetail
from Licking County.

SYMPOSIUM THOUGHTS, 2010

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The 4th bi-annual symposium, Prehistoric Cultures, was recently held at the Columbus Marriott Hotel, in conjunction with the Annual ASO May meeting at the Aladdin Shrine temple. Three days of archaeology and fellowship with some like-minded people turns out to be quite a stimulating weekend, to say the least.

The Friday evening began with four great presentations. Our speakers in order were, Dr. William Romain, Stanley Baker, Michael Rusnak and Greg Shipley. The subjects of discussion included, the land of the spirits, interpretation of face carvings, in depth photographic study of three Hopewell artifacts and excavation of a Shawnee Village site at the time of contact with white traders and settlers.

Saturday speakers were Drs. Michael Gramly, John Halsey, Michael Wiant, Darrin Lowery, Robert Converse and John Rummel. Topics included abstract stone sculptures, Hopewell in Michigan, Ohio's intrusive mound culture, archaic culture, and intrusive mounds culture in the Delmarva Peninsula in the Chesapeake Bay and Hopewell ceremonialism in the Miami River Valley of southwestern Ohio. We covered a wide variety of subjects on both days.

The keynote speaker, Dr. James Adovasio, gave a riveting and entertaining talk. This was Dr. Adovasio's second symposium and third overall talk for the ASO and undoubtedly his best effort, so far. His presentation, "Some Thoughts on the Roles of Women in Prehistory", was well received. Some comments I got included, "best symposium yet".

Not only were there many ASO members from Ohio in attendance, some came from as far away as Florida and Massachusetts. The bi-annual symposium offers one large weekend for the archaeologically inclined. Think about it, Friday evening, Saturday all day and Sunday morning for our annual meeting. If it can get any better, please tell me how. Mark your calendar for the next symposium May 18-20, 2012, I will see you then.

Brian Foltz, Symposium Committee Chairman